

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended by deleting reference to claim numbers, since claims are subject to change and the subject matter of these claims is already described in the specification.

Claim 1 has been amended to further define the structurings, as supported in the specification at page 14, lines 6-12. Claim 5 has been amended to recite that the plastic particles are present.

New Claims 19 and 20 have been added. Claim 19 is supported in the specification at page 14, lines 11-13. Claim 20 is supported by Claim 4.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-20 are now pending in the application.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney during the interview held October 23, 2007, in the above-identified application. During the interview, Applicants' attorney explained the presently-claimed invention and why it is patentable over the applied prior art. The discussion is summarized and expanded upon below.

The rejection of Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over US 5,881,201 (Khanarian), is respectfully traversed. Khanarian discloses backlighting light pipes for display applications which comprise a light source and a light guide, wherein the light guide consists of a sheet which has one or more edges where the light from a cold cathode fluorescent lamp (CCFL) enters the light guide and a surface where the light, after passing through the light guide, exits, wherein the light guide comprises a transparent polymer and a light scattering material (column 2, line 46ff).

As Applicants have previously argued, Khanarian does not disclose "structurings," as that term would be understood herein. In the Office Action, the Examiner finds that the wedge-shaped surface, along with the end points, as shown in Figure 3A of Khanarian, "is taken to be structurings." The Examiner further finds that the specification fails to specifically define structurings.

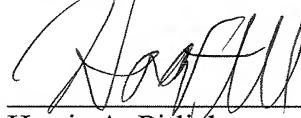
In reply, and as Applicants' attorney explained to the Examiner during the above-referenced interview, the meaning of structurings is defined in the specification herein at page 14, first full paragraph. This definition, along with a depth range, have now been inserted into the claims. Khanarian neither discloses nor suggests such a structure. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

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All of the presently-pending claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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